

est endeavors in behalf of education, entitle him to our highest esteem, and to grateful remembrance by all. But while we realize that his great ability and experience are lost to us, we must bow in humble submission to the Divine Will, and ask only to express our devotion to the memory of one so universally beloved.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing resolutions be entered on the Journal of the Senate.

Pending the consideration of the resolutions,

Mr. Lawrence arose and said :

*Mr. President :*

The reading of those resolutions has reminded the Senate that the hand of death has been among us, and claimed one who, at the close of the last Session of this Honorable Body, occupied a prominent position on this floor. And but for the interposition of Divine Providence, would now be among you, instead of him upon whom has devolved the duty of offering this humble tribute to his memory.

The Hon. Chapman Billingsley was born near the beginning of the present century, on the shores of the beautiful Patuxent River, in St. Mary's county, where he lived through his long and eventful life, and where he died, lamented by his many friends.

He was educated at Charlotte Hall School, in that county, and early took a great interest in that and other institutions, and at his death was President of the Board of Trustees of both Charlotte Hall School, and of St. Mary's Female Seminary.

Among his labors in behalf of popular education, and showing his earnest devotion to that cause, was his early introduction in this Body, at its last Session, of a bill doubling the amount of the appropriation for colored schools in this State.

Colonel Billingsley was long a valued and useful public servant. For a number of years he was an efficient Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court of his county.

In 1864, he was an Honorable Member of the Convention to frame a new Constitution for this State. He served his county as a member of this Senate for the years 1865 and 1866, and again for the year 1874, when several of the Senators, who are now present, had the pleasure and advantage of his association, and can testify to his mental and moral worth.

During these many years of active usefulness in his county and in the halls of legislation of his State, his congenial disposition, polished manners and manly bearing, left a